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SUBJECT: FY-77 IV PROGRAM (LOURENCO, VASCO)

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- 1. EMBASSY REQUESTS SOONEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE FOR IV GRANT FROM FY-77 FALL-OUT FUNDS FOR VASCO LOURENCO, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LISBON. LOURENCO WAS PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED IN FY-76 AS IV CANDIDATE (REFTEL) BUT UNABLE TO GO.
- 2. JUSTIFICATION: -- PRESIDENT MADE PERSONAL REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDING U.S. VISIT. THE PRESIDENT, AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HAS BEEN THE PRIME MOVER IN HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO RETURN MILITARY MEN TO THE BARRACKS. VASCO LOURENCO, AS A MEMBER OF THE "CAPTAINS MOVEMENT" WHICH MADE THE APRIL 1974 REVOLUTION, HAS PROVIDED EANES WITH A VALUABLE LINK WITH YOUNGER OFFICERS WHOSE SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONGER-TERM SUCCESS OF THE EFFORT TO KEEP THE MILITARY OUT OF POLITICS. EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED MERIT OF SENDING VASCO LOURENCO, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS FY-76 IV NOMINATION.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: IMMEDIATE REPLY ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND GRANT CONCURRENCE IN ORDER TO INFORMPRESIDENT AND FORWARD TIMELY IV LETTER INVITATION FROM AMBASSADOR. WE RECOGNIZE IV PROGRAM AGENCIES MAY BE COMPLETELY FILLED BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST PROGRAM DATE PREFERABLY SEPTEMBER OR EARLY

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